

Present at meeting	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Joseph Dooris	Councilman
Absent	Frank Hill	Councilman
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Doug Paton, Dennis Doyle, Harvey and Herta Leidy, Gary Frenz, Tom Johansen, Marty Meade, Matt Wood, Mike Raymond, Gary McMeekin, Christine Smith-Hayes, Jane Smith, and others.

Supervisor Bentley opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM and Dr. Lamb gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bentley then opened the floor for comments.

Councilman Olson asked Dr. Lamb if the Comprehensive Plan, hereafter referred to as "the Plan", would need APA approval; and also what steps the Board would need to take to formally adopt the Plan. Dr. Lamb explained that the Board could submit the Plan to the APA for an informal review; however, the Plan can legally be adopted with no APA action. The Board would need the approval of the Warren County Planning Board before moving forward but not APA approval. Bill Bruce confirmed that the Warren County Planning Board has already given their approval. In terms of adopting the Plan, Dr. Lamb stated that the Board would need to complete the SEQR review, pass a Resolution making a negative declaration, and then the Board can vote to adopt the Plan.

Harvey Leidy reiterated the four main objectives of the Plan that were derived from the survey. Based on the revisions made by the Board, it is Harvey's feeling that the deletions made seemed to indicate that environmental impact was secondary to economic development and very restrictive zoning regulations. Harvey suggested the Board had gone too far with the revisions to the Plan and urged them to restore the wording the Environmental sub-committee had initially included in the Plan.

Councilman Olson responded that some items were taken out because outside agencies already regulate certain areas so there would be no need to address them in the Plan. He also noted that Section 3 had been re-visited by the Board on a line-by-line basis and the Board made the revisions they felt were appropriate.

Councilman Dooris spoke of the need for balance in terms of regulation. He said that in his opinion, the original version of the Plan had no balance but the revised Plan has balance and he is satisfied. Councilman Dooris also reiterated the point that many of the items removed from the Plan are already being addressed by outside agencies and to include them in the Plan would be redundant.

Dennis Doyle noted that the Plan was intended strictly as a guideline for the Town to follow not as a means to set regulation. He expressed his view that some important items should be put back in; air quality being one of them. Dennis requested that the Board specifically revisit Section 3 of the Plan. He pointed out that they have put too much time into the Plan not to have universal agreement among the Board and the group of people largely responsible for creating it.

Councilman Olson spoke of the fact that he felt the Committee members were predominantly regulators. Horicon is a small rural community and the people feel over regulated and do not want the Board to exceed the regulations already set forth. Councilman Olson further noted that the people who have lived here over the past hundred years have established the pristine area we live in without regulation.

Jane Smith made the point to the Board that if the community felt so over-regulated then why did that same community support regulation when responding to the questionnaire that was sent out.

Gary McMeekin stated that restrictions are necessary and even though outside agencies regulate certain areas it would still be beneficial to include recommendations in the Town's Plan in order to have a guideline within the Town to follow.

Councilman Olson referred to the question of property rights that was asked on the survey. He said that according to the survey about 76% of the people said that private property rights were important to them, which means they do not want more regulation. Harvey Leidy disagreed, stating this feedback shows people want regulations. It was pointed out by several members of the audience, that some of the questions on the survey, the property rights question being one example, were very broad questions. The questions were open to interpretation not only by the individual answering the questions but also those tabulating the answers as to what private property rights mean.

Councilman Higgins suggested a joint meeting with the Steering Committee to review Section 3 to try and resolve the issues so that the Town can move forward with adopting the Plan. Supervisor Bentley declared the Public Hearing be left open until the July 15th meeting. The Board will re-convene the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2010 for further discussion.

New Business: Court Clerk Laurie Hughes has requested training for the new Justice software. The following Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2010

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 83 and moved is adoption, all Ayes.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRAINING FOR COURT CLERK

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Horicon Court Clerk Laurie Hughes to obtain training on the new Justice software from the Chestertown Court Clerk. Training will last approximately four to eight hours and reimbursement to the Chestertown Court Clerk is not to exceed \$20.00 per hour.

Adjourn... The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins and Dooris, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk